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Crop Progress and Condition



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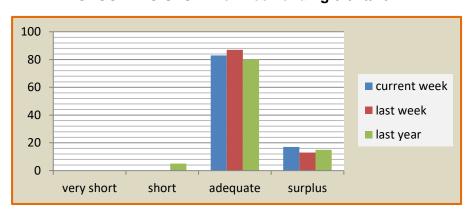
<u>Agricultural News:</u> Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.8. Weather conditions were cool and wet. Some pastures that were turned onto early are showing signs of damage. A hard freeze hit apples and peaches. Farming activities this week included planting crops and removing brush.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/26/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	-	-	83	17	
Subsoil	-	-	88	12	
Hay & Roughage	-	8	88	4	
Feed grain	-	3	97	-	

⁻Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/26/20



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/26/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	1	2	17	72	8
Peaches	-	-	20	80	-
Hay	4	4	19	72	1
Winter Wheat	-	-	17	75	8
Pasture	1	6	31	57	5
Cattle & Calves	-	1	8	85	6
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	10	86	3

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP/LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/26/20

Crop/Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
	%	%	%	%	
Corn planted	12	7	14	11	
Soybeans planted	7	3	4	3	
Winter Wheat headed	13	7	1	9	
Calved	94	90	94	90	
Lambed	95	91	93	92	

⁻ Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 26, 2020

West Virginia was cool and wet during the week. The week began much cooler than normal under post cold front high pressure. During this time, most stations were 10 to 15 degrees below normal and several stations dropped to below freezing. Mid-week a strong cold front passed over the State, keeping the temperatures on the cold side. Late in the week, low pressure passed bringing more cool temperatures and precipitation. Only one station reached the 70s (Clarksburg) this week. Overall, most stations were about five to seven degrees below average. The State was very wet due to the cold frontal passage during the middle of the week and the slow moving, soaking, low pressure system near the end of the week. Both of these systems were moisture laden with some thunderstorms imbedded. Some areas experienced over one inch of precipitation in 24 hours. All stations met or exceeded average, and received at least one inch of precipitation for the week; some stations reported over two inches.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Clarksburg had the highest recorded temperature of 70 degrees. Beckley and Creston had the lowest recorded temperature of 26 degrees. The state average temperature was 50 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Weston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.25 inches. Ripley had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 1.29 inches. The state average precipitation was 1.79 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/26/20

	Temperature and Trecipitation Bata for the			Precipitation					
			•	eekly	We	eek's	Since April 1st	Same Week	Season
Station	High	Low	Average	Departure	Total	Norm	2020	Last Year	Normal
NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	67	30	49	-5	1.49	0.68	4.06	1.49	2.83
PARKERSBURG	69	29	50	-7	1.37	0.79	3.82	1.68	3.09
CRESTON	69	26	50		1.36		4.80	1.78	
NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	69	33	50	-5	1.50	0.83	4.78	2.54	3.30
CLARKSBURG	70	33	52	-3	1.72	0.84	5.47	3.39	3.43
BELINGTON	68	27	48		1.96		5.25	2.11	
WESTON	68	29	50		2.25		6.45	2.61	
SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	69	29	53		2.08		5.81	1.93	
HUNTINGTON	69	31	52	-7	1.94	0.84	4.45	1.93	3.20
CHARLESTON	66	27	51	-7	2.07	0.80	6.88	2.28	3.00
RIPLEY	68	30	52		1.29		4.62	1.78	
CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	63	30	47	_	1.59		5.12	3.10	
ELKINS	67	30	49	-3	1.86	0.91	5.76	2.36	3.55
MARLINTON	63	30	47		2.02		5.80	2.99	
SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	62	26	47	-8	2.16	0.82	6.06	2.58	3.11
PINEVILLE	67	29	50	_	2.16		6.56	2.90	
BLUEFIELD	64	29	48	-9	1.91	0.82	6.53	2.99	3.09
WHITE SUL SP	61	31	47		1.76		5.40	3.54	
BLUESTONE DAM	64	33	50		2.10		6.21	3.23	
NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	65	37	51	-4	1.50	0.79	3.63	3.05	3.13
KEYSER	69	33	49		1.73		4.05	2.83	
MOOREFIELD	67	35	51		1.46		3.81	3.35	

State Average Temperature 50 State Average Precipitation 1.79

Source:

Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.